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## MANY DOCTORS UNAWARE OF NEW MEDICAL PREPARATIONS

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In a recent issue of Meditainskiy Rabotnik (No 826) Chief Engineer Neyman of the Baku Naphthalene Factory wondered why doctors in Azerbaydzhan alone were using naphthalene ointments. Unfortunately, there are many more Soviet products which, though beneficial, are ignored by Soviet medical men and are not being utilized. Some of these are "bromcalcium glucose" formerly manufactured by the Factory Imeni Semashko, astolol ointments, drying ointments, etc.

The Main Administration for Apothecaries is consequently lacking bulletins describing new medicinal preparations. Unfortunately, many of the doctors who are assigned to undeveloped areas are unable to determine the value of these new preparations, nor are they able to determine their precise application. Consequently, there is not much demand for new preparations. Also, many of the practicing doctors are not on the subscription lists for medical periodicals. This situation in itself is serious; in addition many organizations -- for example the Central Dermo-Venereal Institute, Ministry of Dermotological and Venereal Diseases USSR -- have made no effort to publicize new medical discoveries.

The Therapeutic and Prophylactic Administration must impress its agencies with the importance of promulgating any news of new medical preparations, and must make every effort to facilitate rapid acceptance in medical practice.

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